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SUBJ: NARCOTICS: CHANGE IN DATE OF CUSTOMS TRAINING
COURSE

REF: A) BEIRUT 10180; B) STATE 162010

1. CUSTOMS TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 17
PER REF B HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO OCTOBER 1 - NOVEMBER 2.
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASKED TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 26 FOR THREE DAY ORIENTATION COURSE. WE REGRET ANY EMBARRASSMENT FALSE STARTS IN SCHEDULING THIS COURSE MAY CAUSE EMBASSY.

2. IF INTENDED PARTICIPANTS CANNOT ON SUCH SHORT
NOTICE CHANGE THEIR ARRANGEMENTS TO MEET NEW DATE, THEY
WOULD BE GUARANTEED SPACES IN IDENTICAL COURSE CUSTOMS
HAS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 5 TO DECEMBER 7. ORIENTATION
FOR THIS COURSE WOULD BEGIN OCTOBER 31. FORMAL
ANNOUNCEMENT OF NOVEMBER COURSE FOLLOWS SEPTTEL.

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3. CONCERNING HIGH COMMISSIONER'S DECISION TO CANCEL

JOHN BIFANE, WE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY PROPOSE HE BE
PERMITTED TO ATTEND NOVEMBER OR OTHER SUBSEQUENT COURSE
WITH ANOTHER CUSTOMS OFFICIAL OF REQUIRED AFFILIATION.

4. CUSTOMS COURSE USUALLY INVOLVES ONE WEEK AT SITE
OUTSIDE WASHINGTON AND FOUR IN WASHINGTON. FOR COURSE
BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, THIRD WEEK OF FIVE WILL BE SPENT
AT SITE STILL TO BE CHOSEN. ROGERS

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